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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OFFICE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REFS: (A) STATE 224915, (B) JCS MESSAGE 161755Z SEP 76

1. EMBASSY FORESEES NO MAJOR PROBLEMS RE TERMINATION OF MILGRP ASSIGNMENT TO AMBASSADOR'S STAFF OF MILITARY PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND LIAISON FUNCTIONS, OR PROVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO MILITARY PERSONNEL UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENT.

2. REGARDING SPECIFICS OF REFERENCED MESSAGES, WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

A. APPEARS TO BE A CONFLICT BETWEEN REF A AND REF B REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION OF OER FOR MILGRP COMMANDER. REF A STATES "CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION WILL ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE EFFECTIVENESS REPORTS ARE PREPARED AS REQUIRED BY U.S. MILITARY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS." REF B STATES "CURRENT IWROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR PREPARATION OF OFFICER
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EVALUATION REPORTS." WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHO

PREPARES OER.

B. DUE SMALL SIZE OF CHANCERY, EMBASSY UNABLE PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN CHANCERY BUT WE HAVE EVERY REASON BELIEVE GOCR WILL CONTINUE PROVIDE SPACE TO RESIDUAL ORGANIZATION.

C. RE PARA 2, REF A (STATUS, DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES), DOES DEPT ZOVISAGE DIPLOMATIC TITLE FOR OFFICER HEADING RESIDUAL UNIT (ONLY TITLE RECOGNIZED LOCALLY NZRE AMBASSADOR, COUNSELOR, ATTACHE AND SECRETARY) OR IS IT DEPT'S INTENTION THAT HE BE CARRIED AS MEMBER OF MISSION WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON DIPLOMATIC LIST?

D. RECOMMEND NEW OFFICE BE STAFFED AT SAME LEVEL AS PRESENT MILGP, I.E., ONE 0-5, ONE E-7 AND ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE FOR SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE.

3. ALTHOUGH TITLE OF OFFICE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH GOCR, PROPOSED NAME IS INAPPROPRIATE IN COSTA RICA; DWIT COULD BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THAT THE OFFICE ASSISTS THSJCOSTA RICAN PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES IN THEIR PUBLIC SECURITY FUNCTION. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND OFFICE BE CALLED MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE (MLO). MLO WILL FUNCTION AS SEPARATE UNIT WITHIN INTEGRATED STAFF, REPORTING TO CHIEF OF MISSION THROUGH DCM.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE/AUTHORIZATION FOR FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO GOCR THAT MILGRP WILL BE TERMINATED AS OF SEPT. 30 AND THAT PERSONNEL PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO MILGRP WILL BECOME MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF. TODMAN

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